

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER
U. S. WEATHER BUREAU
Sept. 20, 1917—Light southerly
four hours' rainfall, 0.1 inch.
Temperature Min., 72°; Max.,
84°. Weather, Pt. Cloudy.

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LATEST CABLED SUGAR QUOTATIONS	
Cents	Dollars
88° Centrifugals N. Y. per lb. per ton	
Price, Hawaiian basis...	6.00 \$138.00
Last previous quot.	
Mon.	7.02 \$140.40

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INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON SUGAR TO HAVE GREAT POWERS

Five Americans Are Named To Handle Distribution and Purchases In United States For Country and Allies

GEORGE M. ROLPH IS FIRST OF ALL NAMED

Plans For Control Take Definite Shape and It Becomes Evident Food Administration Can Thus Control Industry

WASHINGTON, September 21.—(Associated Press)—Formation of an international sugar commission was announced by the food administration last evening as the latest move in the control of production, distribution and price of that necessary commodity. Five Americans are named in the announcement as members of the commission. The commission will have control of purchases and distribution of sugar for and among the United States and its allies.

FIVE AMERICANS NAMED

Representing the United States on the International Sugar Commission the food administration has named George M. Rolph of the California-Hawaiian Sugar Refining Company, Earl D. Bapst of the American Sugar Refining Company and president of the refineries at Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Jersey City and New Orleans; G. H. Earl Jr., president of the Philadelphia Sugar Refining Company; William A. Jamison, directing partner of Arbuckle & Company and Williamson. These five have the supreme power over the industry in this country and will work in conjunction with the other members of the international body.

FINAL TERMS AGREED

Final agreement with the beet sugar makers was also announced yesterday afternoon along the lines that have been previously told. All have entered into the agreement for a substantial cut of about a cent a pound and the price agreed upon is seven and a quarter cents as a maximum figure.

With the agreement between the beet sugar men and the food administration, the announcement of licensing plans to become effective on October 1 and covering refiners and growers of cane sugar and makers of molasses and syrups, the naming of the committee of five Americans and the announcement of the formation of the International Sugar Commission the determination of the food administration to control sugar is made clear and the methods which are to be employed are becoming more manifest. It is evident that in this way a very large portion of the world's sugar supply can be controlled and sales, prices and distribution regulated to the satisfaction of the United States and the Allies as well.

JAPAN SENDS REPLY TO PEACE NOTE OF POPE

TOKIO, September 21.—(Special Cable to Hawaii Ship)—The government of Japan has forwarded its reply to the peace proposals of the Pope, replying through the British foreign office. The text of the reply is that Japan does not regard this as an opportunity time to discuss peace terms with the Central Powers.

Censorship Put In Enemy Trading Bill In Committee

Conferees Give Supervision of All Communications With Foreign Countries Under Regulations Wilson May Prescribe

WASHINGTON, September 21.—(Associated Press)—Censorship provisions were yesterday written into the Trading with Enemy Bill by the conference committee of senators and representatives, and the bill will so be reported to both houses with recommendation for final passage.

The censorship in the Enemy Trading Bill covers control over mail, radio, cable and all other communications between the United States and foreign countries, under the regulations which the President may determine. It is designed to prevent information relative to military movements and plans, naval movements and movements of merchant shipping from reaching Germany, especially through the Latin American neutrals and the neutrals of northern Europe, but will affect correspondence and communication with any and all neutrals.

Up to this time every attempt that has been made to secure a real censorship by the administration has failed. Last night it was said that it is believed that the provisions drafted into the pending bill would not be subject to the same objection that the former plans have met with and will presumably be passed.

SWEDEN TO PROTEST; URUGUAY AROUSED

Ambassador To Deliver Message To Berlin—Anti-German Parades In Montevideo

LONDON, September 20.—(Associated Press)—According to information received here, Sweden has decided to take serious objection to the tactics employed by German diplomats, which has involved Sweden.

The Swedish embassy in Stockholm is authorized to state that the Swedish minister at Berlin has been instructed to convey to Wilhelm's government a strong protest against the "Luxburg incident."

The indignation that rages in Buenos Aires over the betrayal of Argentina's neutrality by the German and Swedish embassies has spread to Uruguay and flamed up in Montevideo, say reports from there. The flame of indignation burst forth when 20,000 Uruguayans held an indignation parade and marched through the principal streets voicing their wrath at the German trickery and duplicity.

The demonstration threatened to develop into a riot directed against German property whereupon the police were called out to maintain order.

STRIKE SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION HOPE

Efforts Directed To Bring Industrial Peace

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 20.—(Associated Press)—Definite progress in the settlement on the iron workers' strike in San Francisco and other bay cities has been made by federal officials now engaged in mediating the trouble between employers and men engaged in shipbuilding work for the federal government.

Telephone messages from the Pacific Coast today are couched in hopeful terms, and a speedy solution of the trouble is now looked for.

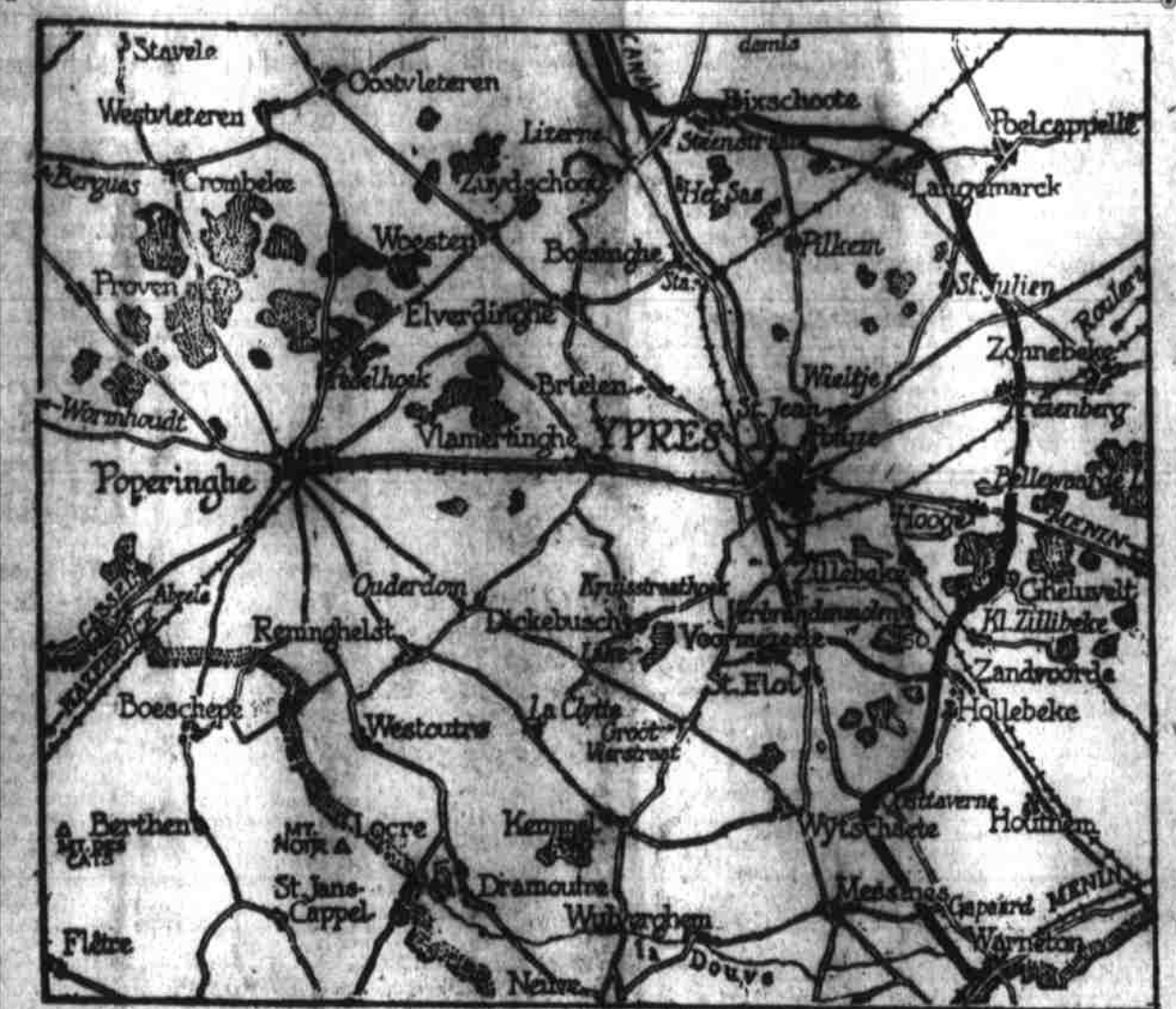
It was announced that President Wilson has appointed a special commission of six members, including Secretary of Labor Wilson, to represent him personally on a tour of investigation of the labor centers on the Pacific Coast where strikes are prevalent.

The situation is regarded by the chief executive as so serious that no means shall be left untried by which the disputes which are disrupting the government's shipbuilding program can be brought to a speedy termination.

DENIES ANY REWARD OR HONOR OFFERED

CITY OF MEXICO, September 21.—(Associated Press)—Baron Rhonda, the Swedish minister, has denied explicitly to the Associated Press that he has ever received or been promised a German decoration by von Eckhardt, the German minister, because of services rendered in forwarding German despatches as Swedish.

MAP of the Ypres Front, the scene of yesterday's British gains. The Tommies advanced for more than a mile towards Zonnebeke, shown close to the right of the map, about the center, along the Rouler road. This brings them within easy rifle range of that village. Further to the north the British captured some guns and made general gains from Langemark, south to Zillibeke. The black line shows the British front before the drive of yesterday.



WAR PROFITS TAX HALTS PROGRESS

Little Chance of Measure Passing Both Houses Next Week As Had Been Expected

WASHINGTON, September 21.—(Associated Press)—Unexpected demands by the house conferees for large increases in the war profits schedule have complicated the situation for the conferees just as chances of agreement began to look brighter. Good progress was made in the morning session but it halted abruptly and now passage of the measure early next week is considered doubtful in the extreme.

The conference report on the eleven billion dollar war credits bill was adopted in the senate without roll call. The approval of the house is expected.

AMERICAN OFFICERS GIVEN DECORATIONS

Two Are Honored By France For Signal Services

AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, September 20.—(Associated Press)—Brigadier-General George B. Duncan and Major Campbell King have been signally honored by the French government for services rendered at the battlefield.

The first honors given to members of the United States expeditionary force in France have fallen to two well-known officers, and are, so says the citation to General Duncan, "For assistance to our forces under circumstances of extreme danger."

The decoration is the war cross of France awarded for distinguished service in battle and is the result of the officers' participation with advanced artillery batteries in the recent Verdun offensive, when they acted as observation officers with the big guns.

General Duncan narrowly escaped serious, perhaps fatal, injuries during the battle, a piece of shrapnel hitting his steel helmet.

MUST CONSERVE OR BE PUT ON RATIONS

Britons Must Economize Voluntarily Or Be Forced

LONDON, Sept. 20.—(Associated Press)—Food Controller Baron Rhonda today announced that he would place England on compulsory rations in the event of the failure of voluntary conservation of the nation's food supply.

Baron Rhonda, in his announcement, declares that the shortage of foodstuffs is not caused by Teuton submarines, but by the failure of the people to sense the necessity of conservation in order to relieve the pressure on shipping.

PRICE OF COPPER DETERMINED UPON

Producers and Government Reach Agreement, Figure On Twenty-three Half Cents

WASHINGTON, September 21.—(Associated Press)—Copper price was last evening fixed at twenty-three and a half cents. This was done through an agreement which was reached with the copper producers by the government.

It will affect not only government purchases but private purchases as well. Under the agreement made by the producers of copper and the government the twenty-three and a half cents a pound price will hold for four months, after which time a new agreement is to be made. While the copper producers, or most of them have a sliding wage scale based on the prevailing price of copper for the preceding month, there is to be no reduction in the daily wages which the workers have been receiving on present prices.

Objection to a reduction has existed for the reason that under the sliding scale system the wages of the workers, miners and smeltersmen, both, which have been at the highest figure ever known during the past two years, would automatically go down with a lower price for the metal.

Some months since the copper producers voluntarily made the government a rate on copper but that rate applied only to purchases by the government for war munition and ship building purposes and was for a certain specified part of the output, a limited amount only. Under the new agreement the same price is given to private buyers and to the Allies as well.

Material reduction in copper mine earnings is certain under the agreement but it is claimed that practically all the companies make good profits with copper at twelve cents a pound and a comparative wage scale.

The producers also pledged themselves to continue production at maximum figures and to endeavor to prevent the metal from falling into the hands of speculators and price manipulators.

LIVING PRISONERS USED FOR TARGETS

WASHINGTON, September 21.—(Associated Press)—Stories of brutal and worse than brutal treatment of utter inhumanity shown to Italian prisoners in the hands of the Austrians have reached here by way of Rome.

Reports from Austria reaching Rome say that captives are systematically tortured when captured and in many cases have been used as targets for pistol practice by their captors.

"WOBBLES" QUARTERS WRECKED BY SOLDIERS

LOS ANGELES, September 21.—(Associated Press)—Several hundred soldiers last evening attacked and wrecked a headquarters of the Industrial Workers of the World. No resistance was offered to them, the "Wobblies" fleeing at their approach.

No arrests were made.

AMERICANS TO RUN RAILWAY IN FRANCE

Important Assignment Made To Railroad Engineers Sent From United States

AMERICAN CAMP IN FRANCE, September 21.—(Associated Press)—Important service has been assigned to a regiment of the American railway engineers, it was announced in orders issued last night. It will take over one of the most important lines of a French strategic railroad and there will see its first active service.

The regiment will be entirely under the French Government in the work which it undertakes but will have its own organization and remain intact as a regiment. Handling of all supplies and communications along the line and the general conduct of the transportation will be under its direct supervision and individual labors.

CHINA IS READY TO FURNISH FIGHTERS

Aid In Financing Sought From United States

PEKING, September 20.—(Associated Press)—China has appealed to the United States to help finance the equipping of a large body of Chinese soldiers for service on the west front.

It was learned today that the Chinese cabinet is willing, providing the Entente approves, to send 300,000 men to France to take active part in the fighting on the west front.

It is understood France has asked China's aid in man power, and a third of a million men will be sent if the substantial can be raised to provide suitable equipment.

NO ANSWER RECEIVED FROM CENTRAL POWERS

ROME, September 21.—(Associated Press)—Archbishop Gasparri, the spokesman for the Vatican, denies that the reply of the Central Powers to the Pope's peace proposals has been received by the Pope.

STEEL WORKERS WAGES INCREASED BY TENTH

NEW YORK, September 21.—(Associated Press)—The United States Steel Corporation announced yesterday that a general increase in wages will be granted to all employees. The raise is a flat one of ten percent.

PARDONED BY WILSON

SAN FRANCISCO, September 20.—(Associated Press)—President Wilson today issued pardons to James Smith and Frederick Mills, former president and superintendent respectively of the Western Fuel and Iron Co., now serving sentences following conviction in the court of justice for defrauding the government.

BRITONS GASH MILE DEEP DENT INTO LINES OF HUNS

Infantry On Flanders Front Smashes Hard, Gains Positions Only Nine Miles From Main Objective And Captures Two Thousand Prisoners And Guns As Well

HOLD ON LILLE SHAKEN

LONDON, September 21.—(Associated Press)—Inflicting heavy casualties upon the enemy, the British infantry on the Flemish front struck yesterday, winning along the Ypres-Roulers road to the depth of a mile, taking upwards of two thousand prisoners and some guns and smashing a deep dent into the German defensive zone protecting Roulers, a point of high strategic importance. The winning of this objective will give the Allies their opportunity of flanking the invaders away from their submarine bases on the North Sea and will shake their hold upon Lille and Northern France.

The British suffered heavy casualties, but not in proportion to the damage inflicted upon the enemy in men, guns and territory captured and in the number of Germans killed in the onslaught and the preliminary bombardment.

MILE DEEP DENT

Field Marshal Haig reports that in the center of the advance, where Australians and North Country men advanced together, the new British front has been pushed forward a mile, the gains including the hamlet of Veldhoek, on the Ypres-Menin road, and the western portion of Polygoneveld. Further north, the British took Zevnot, north of the Ypres-Roulers road, this village being stormed and a number of guns captured.

These gains bring the British to within half a mile of Zonnebeke, a town of importance, and less than nine miles from the main objective of the drive, the junction city of Roulers.

GAINS ARE RETAINED

The latest reports from British Headquarters state that the British are retaining their gains and adding to them, with the Germans launching counters at various points and losing heavily in the efforts to retrieve the day. The earlier reports stated that "if we can hold our gains we have accomplished one of the most important advances of recent months."

The infantry attack has been expected for the past several days, since the British artillery commenced to concentrate on the German defenses before Zonnebeke and the drumfire preliminary to an advance was begun. The Germans have massed large reserves back of the sector attacked and desperate efforts to regain the positions are to be looked for.

The British drumfire was most effective in wiping out the front lines of the enemy, but many of the heavy concrete machine gun fortresses remained in the section over which the British Tommies poured yesterday and the German gunners worked their engines of death until bombed out and killed.

HUN ATTEMPT BEATEN

An attempt of the Germans to concentrate guns with which to blast the British occupying German lines was frustrated by the excellent work of the British flyers, who retained mastery of the air and who scouted before and through the action, giving the British artillery the range of the German guns. The British artillery centered a heavy shell fire upon these gun positions, smashing the German artillery, wiping out many of their gun crews and completely upsetting their plan of retaliation. Some of these guns, uninjured, are among the spoils of the day.

An official report of the battle sent out last night from Berlin says:

"The battle in Flanders is still in full swing along a front from Langemark to Zonnebeke. In the foremost part of the defensive zone there is bitter and fluctuating fighting, which has continued since morning."

PEACE FOR HUNGARY IS PARTY'S DESIRE

Leader of Independence Faction Will Push Agitation

COPENHAGEN, September 21.—(Associated Press)—Agitation for an early peace in Hungary is not at an end, advises from Budapest received last night assert. Count Karoly, advises say, head of the Hungarian Independence party, announced at a meeting held Wednesday night, that he would agitate for an early peace and that the party he heads would continue such agitation.

COMMERCE GAIN OF PHILIPPINES IS BIG

WASHINGTON, September 21.—(Associated Press)—Commerce of the Philippine Islands shows an increase for the year ending June 30 over the preceding year of twenty-six million dollars, due more to increase in prices of commodities, however, than to an absolute increase in imports and exports.

The exports for the year amounted in value to \$71,716,475, of which the United States took sixty per cent. This country furnished fifty-three per cent of the Philippines imports.

COMMISSIONERS ARE FULL OF CONFIDENCE

Ishii Assures Bostonians All Doubts Removed

BOSTON, September 21.—(Associated Press)—In full confidence and with the absolute assurance that "the true heart of America has not been reached and touched by the blight which has menaced both of our nations, the Japanese commission will soon return home," said Viscount Ishii at a luncheon which was tendered to the commission here yesterday noon.

"We are comrades and we are partners. Let us see that no enemy tongue, no hostile intrigue can divide us."

MUNITION FACTORY GOES UP AND MANY ARE KILLED

LONDON, September 21.—(Associated Press)—News has been received of a munition explosion early this week in Cologne, as a result of which thirty-two persons were killed, twenty-four seriously injured and a large quantity of ammunition destroyed.

AMERICAN EMBARGO PUTS PRICE OF GOLD HIGHER

TOKIO, September 21.—(Special Cable to Hawaii Ship)—Due to various causes, chief of which is the American embargo on the export of gold bullion, the price of gold here is rising.